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NSRB Check List of initial actions necessary in case of a war or full mobilization

1. At Friday's staff meeting the above subject was briefly alluded to, and I was requested to check with Mr. Noble "in Mr. Park Armstrong's office" and Mr. Keeley in the Foreign Service Institute who it was believed might possess information concerning such initial actions taken at the outset of World War II.

2. I first saw Mr. Keeley who seemed puzzled by my visit and could recall no assignments of his during the last war which could cause anyone to believe that he might possess information of the kind desired. He indicated an active interest in the subject, however, and an understanding of its nature, and stated that if he could find any documents or recall the names of any persons who might possess the data we seek, he would let me know. I then called on Mr. Noble (who was not in Mr. Park Armstrong's office but is the chief of RE). Mr. Noble stated that a member of his staff had published a book, the contents of which, as he recalled, might be useful in this instance and that he would undertake an examination of the files of his office to see if there was any other material of value. He will let me know the results of his efforts by Thursday.

3. As I stated at this morning's staff meeting, the NSRB memorandum calling for this check list has been given general distribution throughout the Department. I am to attend a meeting at which it will be discussed in ARA this afternoon, and I will report the results of that meeting.

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